

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tullahoma Board of Education Chairman Clyde Smith upon being elected President of the Tennessee School Boards Association for 2003.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, This Body should further celebrate those exceptional public servants who dedicate themselves to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Mr. Clyde Smith, Chairman of the Tullahoma Board of Education, who has been elected President of the Tennessee School Boards Association for 2003; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his exemplary career, Mr. Smith has proven his commitment to the children of Tullahoma. He has served on the Tullahoma Board of Education since 1988: as Secretary of the Board in 1989, Vice Chairman in 1990, and as Chairman since 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith also has a long history of meritorious service with the Tennessee School Boards Association: he was a member of the "All Tennessee School Board" in 1996 and has served on the TSBA Board of Directors as an at-large member since 1999; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his exemplary work with the Tennessee School Boards Association and the Tullahoma Board of Education, he still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to several notable causes and organizations, including the Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Having received his bachelor's degree from Mercer University, Mr. Smith is a former pharmacist, and now owns his own business, Smith & Son Wholesale, Inc., which he serves as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, He has earned the respect of his colleagues in the Tennessee School Boards Association, more than 700 of whom attended the 65th Annual TSBA Convention, where Mr. Smith was elected President during a meeting of the TSBA Delegate Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a Tennessean, and he is an educator in the truest sense of the word; and

WHEREAS, He is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Laurie Smith; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Clyde Smith for his dedication to the children of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Clyde Smith on being elected President of the Tennessee School Boards Association for 2003, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tullahoma and Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.